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WAR TIME POLITICS

By EDW. C. UREN

Sshhhh! Eleanor speaking! "In this controversy it seems to me there should be no argument. One is looking backward, the other is looking ahead." She is referring of course to the ruckus caused by the firing of Jesse Jones and the appointment of Wallace as Secretary of Commerce.

Well, let's see. Like crossing a busy thoroughfare these days, it is always best to look both ways unless you want to get bumped off. Members of congress, and nearly everyone else, knows that Wallace is a loud mouthed radical.

He has on several occasions stated that "we" are going to show big business where to head in—as though the plan had already been outlined for the future—and perhaps it has.

As Secretary of Agriculture he was the instigator of the "little pig" formula of scarcity economics which aroused more profanity among the farmers than anything ever before perpetuated upon them.

One stockraiser over in Lovelock told me recently that when these pork saboteurs came around he was hoping they would not discover his shoats, but they made a clean sweep of the entire section killing off all the small pigs and paying the owners $5 each for them. He said that if he could have kept these same shoats until fall he could have sold them for $20 apiece.

Wallace has expressed another balmy idea that would place this country in the role of a sort of super cow with multifarious teats to suckle all the downtrodden on the rest of the globe. This would afford a splendid opportunity for spending and is not out of line with New Deal policies.

Jesse Jones, appointed as Secretary of Commerce in 1940, is a business man with sound and sensible ideas. He has made a good administrator and commands the respect of all who know him.

If Wallace had any self respect at all he would have subsided after the way he was euchered out of the vice presidency. But no, the bootlicking became more vigorous than ever until Roosevelt, knowing wull well his lack of judgment, hands him the torch wherewith to destroy everything his cracked ideas may suggest.

But Roosevelt is a clever politician. Perhaps clever enough to know just what an uproar would be made over Wallace's appointment. Perhaps it is just another planned job like the vice presidency. Let us hope so.

If the president does not veto the George bill, divorcing the federal loan department so that Wallace cannot get his fingers on the billions to be disubursed in the post war era we will know that it was just another job of political sleight of hand.

If he does veto it, we will then know that Roosevelt is just as bad as Wallace and is willing to sacrifice all we have done to build this country to what it is and to replace it with some form of socialism or worse that Wallace and cohorts, the CIO, are trying to bring about.

In the meantime, the liberated countries of Europe and our allies, looking to us as an outstanding member of the big three, for some suggestion or plan for future peace and our role in it, look in vain—for Roosevelt has no plans and it seems again that after all our sacrifices and all our experience gained in World War I we will go through the same stagnated role that Wilson did—and that means World War III within a few years.

We all know the parable of the man with an axe to grind as well as we know that the time to get what we want, or at least make known our positin, is while the war is on and before it is ended. If we expect to put off our demands until we sit at the peace table, as we did before, we can expect the other allies to tell us to go chase ourselves, for they have no further use for us.

TWO BOYS IN CUSTODY

James Rodgers, 15, and Lou Hall, 13, arrested by Deputy Sheriff Tom Dolley, near Truckee, Nevada County, were lodged briefly in the county jail Tuesday before being taken to Sacramento. The boys are alleged to have escaped from a detention home at Fresno and by means of stolen cars gotten as far as the junction of Highway 40 with the Lake Tahoe Road when they ran out of gas.

SUPERVISOR OF TAHOE FOREST REPORTS ON YEAR OF PROGRESS

By GUERDON ELLIS
Supervisor of Tahoe National Forest

Guerdon Ellis, supervisor of the Tahoe national forest today submitted the annual report on the activities and accomplishments for the Tahoe forest for the calendar year 1944. In making this report Ellis commented that these jobs were accamplished with 48 of the trained and experienced personnel of the Tahoe absent in the armed services.

GRAZING—6,035 head of cattle and 25,206 sheep were grazed on the Tahoe forest this year. $15,735 was collected for grazing fees. $3,112 of this amount is being applied to range improvements on the various range allotments.

Critical analysis was made of all Tahoe range allotments this past season so that proper corrective measures can be taken to preserve the ranges and so that they can be properly utilized. As time goes on the proper utilization of forest ranges becomes more important.

Tahoe district rangers attended all important organized stockmen meetings in this area.

Tahoe officials assisted local stock men in leasing 40,000 acres at Camp Beale from the Army realty board board to be used for grazing by local stockmen.

TIMBER: One hundred thirty individual sales were made totaling 13,000,000 board feet, bringing a revenue of $30,000.

WATER MANAGEMENT: Fourteen snow readings were made in cooperation with the states of Nevada and California.

MAINTENANCE IMPROVEMENT: The Tahoe transportation system has 1500 miles of road and 1000 miles of trails, which represents an investment of $2,000,000.

Betterment and maintenance work was done on 1006 miles of road at a cost of $85.578. This included work done on flood control damage. 354 miles of trails were maintained and opened with some betterment for $10,322. $11,487 funds were expended on bettering 11.8 miles of timber access roads for timber operators.

The communication system has over 700 miles of telephone lines and a forest wide radio system representing an investment of over $160,000. The telephone lines were all maintained during the past calendar year. Thirty miles of new telephone lines were constructed in cooperation with the Signal Corps of the United States Army. The forest service furnished the material and the U. S. Army the labor. Valuable, in the field training was given to Signal Corps men doing the actual construction work.

Minor maintenance and repair work was done on forty buildings. The forest service policy is to do only needed maintenance work during the war so that these critical materials used on building maintenance will go direct to the war effort. 300,000 board feet of lumber was cut by the forest.

POST WAR PLANS—Remembering the CCC days and hurried cals for plans, post war plans have been prepared by Tahoe officials.

These plans are in such shape that work could be started tomorrow, if the war ended, and funds were made available. The main projects in the plans are road and trail construction to open up and make accessible the timber land and for fire protection, fire control improvements, public camps, recreation sites, timber culture and many others. Three thousand men could be placed on these projects over a three year period.

Large Organization of Cub Scouts in Grass Valley

Elmer Stevens, of the Grass Valley high school faculty, pack master of the Cub Scouts, reports that there are now 70 members in several dens and that more dens can be organized as soon as den mothers can be found for them.

The dens meet regularly once a week a tthe homes of den mothers, and the whole pack meets the last Friday of the month. The pack is sponsored by the Grass Valley Elementary PTA. The pack committee consists of Joseph Leavitt, L. V. Williams, Norman Foote and Irving Wegerland.

Funeral In Auburn Accident Victim

The funeral of Mrs. Bertha Dennis who died Sunday night two hours after an automobile accident on the Auburn-Grass Valley Highway a mile west of this city, took place from the West and Hite Funeral Home in Auburn. The body was removed from the coroner's office in this city Monday afternoon. The funeral directors of Auburn are endeavoring to communicate with Harold Dennis, her husband, now in Arizona.

Mrs. Dennis, a native of Oklahoma aged 24 years, was employed at the Hilltop Cafe on Highway 40 adjacent to Penryn, and with her three year old daughter made her home with a sister there.

With Mrs. Dennis on Sunday night's car crash were Lieut. Phyllis Schneider, WAC, critically injured, Sgt. Eules Endsley and Mickey Willis, 25, of Penryn. All three are employes of the DeWitt General Hospital near Auburn and have been removed from the Community Hospital here to the army hospital.

NEVADA CITY HAS BIG STAKE IN BAGUIO RAID

Over the radio this morning came the good news that commandoes under General Douglas MacArthur had raided a Japanese prison camp at Baguio, summer capital of the Philippines, and had freed 510 American prisoners held there.

Since several men and some families of Nevada City are held prisoner, who were formerly employed in the mines of the Philippines, this is indeed, good news for several Nevada City families.

Among the Nevada City people in the prison camps of Luzon are John Ghidotti, William Carter and family, LaMar Fleming, Merton Downey and others.

FOREST SERVICE 40 YEARS OLD ON FEBRUARY 1

Today, February 1, 1945 marks the 40th anniversary of the forest service in its present form. The Tahoe forest was established September 17, 1906 by Theodore Roosevelt. A proclamation was issued by Roosevelt combining the Yuba and Lake ahoe forest reserves at that time and in looking back over the past forty years many changes have occurred on the Tahoe, Supervisor Ellis commented.

In 1906 the government paid a forest ranger $60 per month and the ranger furnished his own horse, tools and subsistence. With this equipment he was the sole protector from fire of a territory varying in size from 100,000 to 500,000 acres of our timber lands. The requirements for a district ranger in those first years of the forest service were, to know how to ride a horse, pack, and build a line around a fire. In comparison, today a ranger must complete a forestry course requiring five years of specialized university training.

Some of the major accomplishments on the Tahoe have been the establishing of seven ranger districts; a well developed fire protective organization; correlated grazing use so that the ranges are not overgrazed but fully utilized; timber working circles so that a permanent industry be established. Every consideration has been given toward eliminating indescriminate cutting of timber land and to avoid leaving ghost towns. Also large recreational areas and sites have been developed which will be one of the major industries in this area after the war.

Much has been done toward proper water management in cooperation with the state.

PIONEER NARROW GAUGE EMPLOYE IS VISITOR

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Tegler of San Jose accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ernskine, came up from Roseville Monday and enjoyed greeting many former friends as both couples are former residents. Tegler sold his confectionery store to J. F. Colley who in turn sold it to Charles Veale and wife recently.

Tegler called at the Nugget office and in speaking of old times gave some very interesting annecdotes. He is one of the pioneer conductors the old Narrow Gauge Railroad that extended from Nevada City to Grass Valley and Colfax. He made a special trip to Grass Valley three years ago to make the last passenger trip over the last car run over the line just before dismantling of the road began. On this train on its last trip were, Mr. and Mrs. James Cairns of Palto Alto.

Mrs. Carins is the daughter of the late Nat Brown, owner of the old Transcript of Nevada City. When the first spike was driven May 20, 1876 Mrs. Nat Brown was supposed to have driven the spike marking beginning of the railroad. She was taken ill and the task was turned over to Judge Niles Searls. Several inches of snow fell on this momentous day but the throngs that attended the services were not deterred.

When this famous spike was removed and work of tearing up the rails began three years ago it was presented to Mrs. Nat Brown's daughter, Mrs. James Cairns. She sent the spike to the Wells Fargo Bank Museum as a souvenir.

Three pioneers remain who were employed on the narrow gauge railroad and they are Elwood Benjamin, engineer, who resides in Colfax; John Smithem, Grass Valley and C. E. Tegler of San Jose. Thomas Kennedy, employed 52 years on the narrow gauge retired a short time ago. He resides in Grass Valley.

Mrs. Fred Erskine who visited here Monday was the former Miss Alice Barr, a local dress maker, and is the aunt of Mayor Tom Monk of Sacramento.

QUICKSILVER STAGES SHARP COME BACK

Producers of mercury seem to be getting into the velvet again after a slump that all but took the bottom out of the market. Some eastern genius has invented a new portable dry battery which is said to be hardly larger than ones finger and five times as powerful as the present flash light batteries.

Mercury is said to be the principal ingredient, and considering the enormous number of these small cells in everyday use the commercial out look for the new battery and the consequent consumption of quicksilver is very bright indeed.

Quicksilver dropped from around $200 for a 75 pound flask to less than $100, with the result that many small producers quit mining it. Now the price is back to $165 and still rising. Quite a number of promoters and field men are out looking for the liquid metal which, unfortunately we do not produce in Nevada County.

Grass Valley Troop of Boy Scouts to Get Charter

The Church of the Latter Day Saints on Sunday will hold a Boy Scout Troop charter presentation. Gilbert Tennis, district scout chairman will make the presentation.

The ceremony in Grass Valley is but a part of the many ceremonies, courts of honor, and addresses to be made before service clubs, during February marking the 35th anniversary of the scout movement in America. During the month courtsof honor will be held in Nevada City and Roseville, a bridge of honor by Sea Scouts of the ship "Emigrant" in Placer College gymnasium and addresses will be made in the Rotary and Lions Clubs of the several cities in the Tahoe area.

PEACE BURDEN TO SUCCEED WAR BURDEN

By LEONE BAXTER

On whose shoulders will rest the real responsibility of preserving national unity after the binding ties of a common war are loosed, and domestic stresses and strains are in the forefront again?

Whose obligation will it be to maintain the protectice buffers of understanding between economic factions which are welded together to face a common enemy today—but which won't be tomorrow?

Chief burden bearer in solving the tremendous problems ahead in the opinion of Albert S. Goss, master of the National Grange is the suburban press—the weekly newspaper and the home town daily.

The roll top desk of the local editor is destined, apparently, to be the clearing house, arbitration point and education center on countless matters that might easily keep the community, state or nation in turmoil without his help.

In a statement reprinted in the Congressional Record, Goss has this to say on the subject:

"Over 53.6 per cent of our people today are eiter farming or directly dependent on farm trade for a livelihood. Anything which fosters the production of prosperity of this segment of the people is in the national interest, while that which retards it will not only destroy is prosperity but will bring disaster upon the whole nation.

"Many in our urban centers fail to recognize these basic truths— and contend that our prosperity depends on cheap food, often priced below cost, without regard to the effect on the huge farm majoritl. Agriculture is the last stronghold of our free enterprise system. Here is found our strongest opposition to centralized government, to regimentation—and to subsidies, even though farmers may be the immediate beneficiaries of such a system."

In the opinion of the grange master, the great metropolitan papers and national news magazines often have not understood the problems and difficulties faced by rural communities. "Radio commentators with a city background," he declares, also have failed to appreciate what American agriculture has done to maintain our American way of life."

When we no longer are faced with exterior danger, Goss warns, enormous economic problems still will remain to be solved, and the dangers of national disunity will be multiplied a hundredfold. "In the post war era" he predicts, "the suburban newspaper and the farmer, by developing an even closer relationship can and will lead the fight to preserve our democratic society."

If the spokesman for agriculture reads the signs correctly, the future, extra curricular job of the local editor is going to be the biggest he ever faced in his life, and he has faced some big ones. On his shoulders will be the responsibility of interpreting the problems and coordinating the basic aims of business and agriculture the two great economic segments of a great nation. And nobody so far has presumed to doubht that he will muff the assignment.

INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING

Opening an Institute of International Understanding, Mrs. Gertrude Townsend Fitch, gives the first of four lectures here this evening in the Elementary School Auditorium. The lectures are sponsored jointly by the Nevada City Rotary Club and the city schools.

Mrs. Fitch and her husband have been associated with the New China and are friends of Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek. She has a wide understanding or far eastern relations. Her topic will be The New China in the New Pacific.

Thomas L. Harris will speak on February 22nd on Russia's Position, East and West. Allen D. Albert will speak March 15th on The Role of the North American Continent, and

NEVADA CITY CIVILIANS AID MARCH OF DIMES

Nevada City civilians employed at Camp Beale are taking an active part in the big March of Dimes night to be held in the Field House on the post Friday night when both army workers and GIs will add their contributions to the national foundation for infantile paralysis. The Civilian Council, composed of hundreds of workers, is sponsoring the show and dance. William Esterly, Grass Valley is president of the council.

Finest talent available from Beale's thousands is promised by Lt. L. J. Crawford of post special services for the fast show that will intersperse the dancing and stunts. Girls for dancing have been invited from Nevada City, Grass Valley, Marysville, Yuba City and other towns. All residents of the surrounding towns are also being urged to attend the entertainment and benefit.

Field House festivities Friday night will replace the weekly service club parties when hostesses bring many girls to the post from neighboring towns.

All funds derived from ticket sales to the party will go directly for fighting infantile paralysis. Fifty per cent of the proceeds remain with local groups combatting the dread disease. Every ticket purchaser is eligible to compete in the drawings for war bonds being awarded as door prizes to both civilians and the soldiers.

TILTON STUDIO TO OPEN TUESDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tilton have set Tuesday, February 6, as the date for opening Tilton's Portrait Studio in the modernly furnished and equipped photograph gallery and offices in the National Hotel Annex on Broad Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Tilton bring to their studio here a wealth of long and successful experience in the photographic art. They have purchased the Bert Foreman home off Highway 20 and came here to live in December.

For four years they have been seeking an ideal place to establish their home and business. They have found it in Nevada City.

In stating their reasons for selecting Nevada City, Mr. and Mrs. Tilton said it was a combination of attractions, mountain water, four seasons and last but not least the friendly attitude of the residents and their apparent unhurried easy manner of life.

The couple will be together in the operating and management of the studio, Mrs. Tilton, who is a former concert singer, will work as color artist with Mr. Tilton handling the bulk of the portrait requirements.

Turning To Appear For Sentence Tomorrow

Raymond Turning, 19, former seaman in the U. S. Navy, who pleaded guilty to grand theft appeared Monday in the superior court for sentence. Judge Jones put the case over until Friday pending a further report by Probation Officer A. W. McGagin. Due to the fact that Turning had no prior convictions against him the probation officer recommended that he be granted probation provided he returned the money stolen from Mrs. Joyce E. Pederson of Grass Valley.

On January 3rd Turning and a companion visited Mrs. Pederson at her home 125 Ocean Avenue, Grass Valley, and abstracted cash and checks she had placed in a book while they were in the same room. Turning was in Sacramento, where he served as a cook in a restaurant. Checks and cash stolen, amounted $253. One of the checks, for $100, was cashed in Auburn.

Mrs. Margaret Davis, mother of Mrs. Ernest Helme who suffered a broken arm in a fall recently, is getting along nicely. The cast is off and she is carrying her arm in a sling and is expected home from the hospital soon.

Archibald Gilchrist will lecture April 26th on Australia, New Zealand and the islands of the South Pacific.

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UNTER DEN LINDEN

Who marches first into Berlin—the Russian Army from the east or the Anglo-American forces from the west—is an unanswered question as this is written.

But one day soon, the strain of trying to face both her flaming borders at once may crack the Nazi resistance in one quarter or the other and history will record the greatest event in the European war.

Hitler has assured his people repeatedly that never would a foreign boot touch the sacred soil of the Fatherland. But Hitler promised, too, that never would an enemy bomb fall on the reich. When bombs began to fall the Nazi leader appeared less and less frequently at the beer halls and amphitheatres to harangue his people. At Berlin, Prag and Leipzig, Germans wondered aloud as to his whereabouts—until stiff penalties were published for such a breach of confidence in der Fuerher.

One wonders where he is today, what place he will find to hide from the accusing eyes of a people betrayed and beaten, left to listen alone to the pound of boots—Russian, American, British, French—marching triumphantly up Unter den Linden.—Contributed.

INDUSTRIAL GOAL

Bids are appearing in New York papers, signed by California chambers of commerce, inviting big eastern industries to come west. The reason is clear and the cause constructive.

Since most of the heavy war crop of new residents here will remain after the war—and surveys show that is the case—California even in the midst of war must find ways and means to provide both jobs and public services for the newcomers. Community development must be greatly stimulated to help spread the new population, now mainly concentrated in and near urban centers, out into the smlaller cities and towns.

There is no question California's greatest era of industrial expansion lies ahead, after the war. Meanwhile, native industry already on the ground is contributing a big share toward the goal. A reasonable example is the latest report of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company, showing the concern expended more than 170 million dollars for new service facilities in this state in the past 6 years. It spent $62,500,000 for new power plants; $3,500,000 for new electric transmission lines; $4,500,000 for new gas pipelines; nearly $10,000,000 for electric plant improvements and $90,000,000 for thousans of smaller construction jobs in scores of communities.

From the standpoint of providing jobs, public service and community development, some of the native industries already centered in our midst are among the biggest in the land.—Contributed.

"SPREADING THE WORK"

When the 77th congress recognized that all small business concerns couldn't possibly be fitted into the war production pattern, and that many were due for extinction as the war progressed, the Smaller War Plants Corporation was organized to fill the gap and see that little business wasn't a complete casualty.

Today the record shows that due to SWPC efforts, plus the cooperation of the townsfolk in literally thousands of communities, many small plants which were the pre war hubs of the towns they generated have survived to handle sub-contracts for both war and civilian needs, and doubtless will continue to produce jobs as well as commodities after the war is done. "Spreading the work," the process is called, and it often operates as a cycle of give-and-take to keep things going.

An example is the current contract secured by the Smaller War Plants Corporation for rebuilding musical instruments for Navy use, by a small California concern that might otherwise be locked up for the duration. The cycle works this way: Navy men in isolated posts and on ships without bands, plead for music. Their wants are simple. They like accordions. But most accordions come from Germany or Italy, and few new ones are available at U. S. factories. So civilians are asked not to give, but to sell their instruments to the SWPC at San Francisco for reconditioning—thus giving a helping hand to our Navy boys, to the little factory that might have closed, and to the general strengthening of an industrial economy which rests not alone on a few large centers of mass production, but on countless small towns, each with one or two small factories.

If the Smaller War Plant Corporation procedure results in the rescue from extinction of an appreciable percentages of small business enterprises around which the normal community revolves, it will have earned the respect of all who wish to preserve the basic pattern of our democracy.—Contributed.

JUST WONDERIN'

I wonder as the ship of state
Sails out across the unknown seas,
If soon the coming day will bring
The magic of a freshening breeze.
And as the fingers of the dawn
Divide the curtains of the night,
Shall we behold anear or far,
A haven for the world's delight?

The ship of state has again set forth upon another four-year voyage, with the same hand upon the helm and practically the same crew in command. There are many among us who feel assuded and confident, while others are troubled by doubts and fears. However, we are all Americans, and so, transcending every emotion, inspired by personal predilections, is our calm, unwavering faith in the ship, itseelf, for crews may come and eventually go, but the ship sails on forever.

We know that deeo, dark waters lie ahead, hidden reefs may threaten, stormy winds may rage; but out there, beyond the fury of the storm, the beautiful harbor of peace is waiting and through its smiling gateway, our ship will move one day, to anchor and deliver its precious cargoes of liberty, justice and fraternitl for the healing of the nations.

There are many ships beside our own upon the sea of destiny—pirate craft, which we no longer fear, little boats needing protective convoy as they swing hopefully out upon unfamiliar tides, and there are the great ships of our allies, moving with us toward the dawn, seeking the same bright harbor, animated by the same hope for the future of a war ravaged world.

During this particular voyage, upon which the destiny of the world may depend, each and every one of us must work his passage. There will be no place for idlers—no time for the steamer rugs and deck chairs; no time for hysteria, rumormongering, ill will, petty bickering and strife. These and other pernicious non-essentials must be pettisoned for the trip; if you have any of them in your knapsack, throw them overboard.

The harbor of peace is waiting, the dawn light of a better day streaks the murky skies, have we courage, have we hope? Have we the faith which triumphs over fear?
Sail on, sail on, ship of state,
Sail on oh, Union strong and great,
Humanity with all its fears
With all its hopes for future years
Is hanging zreathless on thy fate.

Uncle Silas says: "I don't know much about the survival of the fittest, but I am trying to study out the survival of Madame Perkins."—A. Merriam Conner.

METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching service at 11 a. m. Organ prelude, Mrs. Vance. Vocal solo, Bill Tobiassen. Communion service, Sermon by the pastor. Closing hymn, prayer, benediction. Youth Fellowship group will meet at 6 p. m. Jack Underwood will be the leader. Preaching at 7 p. m. Ten minutes of song service. Sermon by the pastor.

Week events: The Youth Fellowship group will have a pot luck supper at 6:30 p. m. Business meeting and social hour. All the young people are invited. The Priscilla Circle will meet Wednesday at 2 p. m. Bible study and prayer hour Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH

Christian Science Society of Nevada City holds services every Sunday in their church 114 Boulder St. at 11 o'clock. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. A Wednesday evening testimonial meeting is held on the first Wednesday of each month at eight o'clock. Our reading room at 310 Broad St. is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, holidays excepted from 2 to 4 p. m. The public is cordially invited to attend our services and visit the reading room.

For the subject "Love" the Golden Text of the Christian Science Lesson Sermon to be read on Sunday, February 3, is Psalms 36:7 "How excellent is they loving-kindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings."

One of the Bible citations included in the sermon is Psalms 145:9: "The Lord is good to all. and his tender mercies are over all his works;" and a correlative passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy, reads: "Love is impartial and universal in its adaption and bestowals. It is the open fount which cries "Ho, every one that thirstest, come yet to the waters. "(p. 13).

"Hello, Mom! It's Me!"

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Grass Valley Man Succumbs In Riverside

Bishop Lawyer of Grass Valley has gone to Riverside, to attend the funeral of his brother, Ernest Lawyer, who left three weeks ago in the hope that a visit to the desert country would benefit his health.

He died Sunday and funeral services and burial will take place at Riverside.

Ernest Lawyer had been a resident of Grass Valley for eight years. He was employed as a miner, later engaged in house construction. Two years ago he moved with his family to Richmond, Contra Costa county, where he was employed in war industry.

He was a native of Indiana, aged 47 years. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Winifred Lawyer, and minor children, Dorothy, Vivian, Margaret, Wayne, Ernest and Daniel.

Charles Green the famous English balloonist, first discovered that coal gas was a cheaper substitute for hydrogen to lift balloons.

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HERMAN WENZKE OUT ON BAIL

Herman Wenzke, manager of Beacon Hill Lodge, arrested Friday on a charge of contributing to the delinquincy of minors, and lodged in the county jail, after failing to produce $2000 in bail, yesterday was freed, after his attorney, Vernon Stoll of Grass Valley obtained the court's consent to reduce the bail to $1,000.

District Attorney H. Ward Sheldon stated that Wenzke would probably be arraigned Friday.

Wenzke was first arrested by Deputy Sheriff Tom Dolley of Truckee, on a charge of selling liquor to minors to which he pleaded guilty and paid a fine of $250. The minors involved were a group of Sacramento high school boys and girls who gathered in Beacon Hill Lodge on Sunday, January 14th. Dolley charged that some of the party of youngsters were intoxicated.

Wenzke's second arrest followed a grand jury indictment Thursday charging him with contributing to the delinquency of minors. Two Sacramento high school boys testified before the grand jury.

PEACE OFFICERS DINE

The Nevada County Peace Officers Association enjoyed their annual dinner in Deschwanden's Hall on Gold Flat Sunday evening. About fifty were present for the evening. A turkey dinner was served. Thomas Lawrence, president presided. J. J. Boree, former adjutant general of this state gave a splendid talk on the present war and Howard Bennetts past commander of Banner Mt. Post, VFW, showed moving pictures of World War Two.

Discovery of the prehistoric horse in America was first made by Mitchell in 1826 in New Jersey.

In 1943, California produced 33,812 76-pound flasks of mercury.

Practically half of California's oil wells are located in Kern County.

PATTERSON MAY BE CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR

By CLEM WHITAKER

"My hat will probably be in the ring."

That intriguing declaration which constitutes the nearest approach thus far to a definite announcement of candidacy in next year's race for governor of California, comes from Congressman Ellis E. Patterson of Los Angeles in a letter to this correspondent commenting on the recent mention of his name as a gubernatorial possibility.

The ebullient "Pat" who served as lieutenant governor during the Olson administration, and who has always enjoyed strong labor pension backing, appended his hat in the ring near declaration of candidacy as a postscript to his letter, apparently having had to work up to that boiling pont by degrees as he dictated.

While somewhat of a southpaw in politics, Patterson's leftist twist never seems to have hampered his vote getting ability to any serious extent —and seasoned observers of the political arena are not taking his prospective candidacy lightly. It is quite possible that his presen strategy in rushing the gubernatorial season, is designed to steal a march on Attorney General Robert W. Kenny another prospective democratic contender, who has thus far shied away from any early discussion of his plans.

Another pebble dropped in the political pool during the past few days, just to ruffle the waters, perhaps and keep the lads from losing interest is the unsupported report that Governor Warren may decide to run for U. S. Senaor next year instead of being a candidate for re-election. The bearers of this late tale argue that Warren, in the U. S. senate, would have a better chance of furthering his national ambitions than if he tried to break the jinx which usually defeats California governors who seek re-election.

A brand new gubernatorial potential has bobbed on the scene, too, with reports that some republican big wigs, looking for a candidate whose following crosses party lines, are interested in the possibility that Roy W. Cloud, state executive secretary of the California Teachers Association, might make a strong candidate for governor some day.

In the post war years, the educational problems of a state which is bursting out at the seams with new population may be among the most serious problems of government, and there is no doubt as to either Cloud's vast knowledge of school affairs, nor as to his intimate knowledge of general governmental problems. There is also the fact, of course, that he has demonstrated many times, where the schools were involved, that he knows how to win elections.

Cloud thus far has shrugged off all such suggestions, but it might be noted just for the record, that Ellis (hat in the ring) Patterson was once a school teacher, and that former Governor C. C. Young, before he entered politics, was a high school principal.

GRASS VALLEY BOY PRISONER OF WAR EXCHANGED

Mrs. R. B. Bagley who resides in the Newtown District north of Grass Valley, has been advised by the War Department, that her son, Staff Sergeant Douglas J. Upton, who had been a prisoner of war in Germany for two years, has been exchanged.

Sgt. Upton had been flying combat missions in the 15th AAF over Northern Italy, southern Germany and the Balkans. On his last mission his heavy bomber was brought down and the entire crew held as prisoners. The message states that he is now being repatriated and will arrive abroad the Gripsholm and will be furlopghed home as soon as possible, following such hospitalization as may be required. Directions are given for getting in touch with him on his arrival.

FINAL PAYMENT ON BRET HARTE INN SHARES

Benjamin Hall, president of the Grass Valley Hotel Corporation which recently sold the Bret Harte Inn to Harry Handlery of Vallejo, yesterday announced that final distribution of funds resulting from the sale is being made.

The first disbursement, made shortly after the sale was $185 per share. At that time a considerable sum was held for final settlement of taxes and other expenses involved in the sale. Share holders are now receiving final payment of $17.50 per share.

In his letter to stock holders Hall remarked that of the original 100 stock holders, but 28 are now on the list. Many of the others have died since the company was incorporated in 1917. Few stock certificates have changed hands in that time, and most changes have been by bequest of decedent stock holders to their heirs.

Rainbow Girls Seat New Officers

New officers of the Order for Rainbow Girls were installed Wednesday evening in the Masonic Hall with a large attendance present to witness the seating of Ruth Libbey, as worthy advisor, and Betty Noren as assistant worth advisor.

Other officers seated were Betty Jean Young, chaplain; Marille Day, hope; Jean Anderson, faith; Mildren Ruth, drill leader; Twyla Smart, treasurer; Dorothy Borach, recorder; Marian Morgan, chaplain; Lois Beverage, confidtnaial observer; Virginia Churrh, outer observer; Genevieve Ellis, musician; Joyce Lee, banner bearer.

June Laird, retiring worthy advisor led the installation ceremony assisted by Mrs. Jennie Morgan, the hostess; Mrs. Augusta Smith, mother advior; Beverley Schofield, recorder; Lotus Wales, chaplain; Jean Anderson, marshall; Pauline Keckler, honorary marshall; and Mrs. Alice Hitchens, musician.

The Panamint News, tri-weekly publication of the 1870's charged $4 a month for four lines of advertising space.

About 2200 BC, the Emperor Shun of China is reputed to have built a "chariot of the air" and to have made a parachute drop.

GOD IS MY CO-PILOT

Two Small Boys Confess Burglaries

Responding to complaint Monday that someone was discharging fire arms in the vicinity of the Gold Flat School, Game Warden Earl Hiscox and Deputy Sheriff Carl Larsen engaged in a hunt, which resulted in apprehending two small boys 10 and 11 years of age.

The boys confessed to robbing two vacant homes belonging to Harold Herring and Roy Granholm. The boys entered Granholm's home by way of a rear window and purloined a double barreled shotgun. Entering the Herring house by the same means they stole two 22 rifles. The boys confessed their thefts and were placed in the custody of Probation Officer A. W. McGagin. Among other adventures to which they admitted was entering the Gold Flat School and dumping 10 gallons of paint, they found there, on the school room floors.

Early Day Resident of Nevada City Succumbs

Friends have word that Mrs. Mary Maltman, born in Nevada City in 1865, passed away in Oakland on January 29th.

Mrs. Maltman was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Alex Gault, early day mayor of Nevada City, and prominent citizen after whom the Gault bridge across Deer Creek was named.

Funeral services will be held in Oakland tomorrow and the remains will rest beside those of her husband, the late Albert Maltman, in a Los Angeles cemetery.

Surviving is her daughter, Mrs. Frank Haynie of Oakland, Mrs. Lucien Kahn of Hamilton, Ohio, Mrs. Michael Serro and Mrs. Fred Black of Oakland, are granddaughters. There are two great grandchildren.

Last Rites Said for Mrs. Sarah N. Hagler

Last rites were said yesterday afternoon in the Holes and Myers Funeral Home in Grass Valley for Mrs. Sarah N. Hagler, of Butler Street, who died Sunday in Sacramento. Rev. O. A. Hall of the Seventh Day Adventists conducted the service. Interment was in the Greenwood Cemetery.

Mrs. Hagler was born in Mississippi 61 years ago. She spent her early life in Texas and was educated there. She had been a resident of Grass Valley for seven years and was deeply interested in her home, garden and in church work. Surviving her is her husband, D. G. Hagler of this city.

PTA CELEBRATES FOUNDERS DAY

Founders Day will be celebrated Friday afternoon by the Grass Valley High School PTA with a program of addresses and music in Miss Dillingers room in the high school annex. Mrs. Doris Anderson, president will be in charge of the program.

The high school chorus will sing a number of songs under the direction of Harold George. Mrs. William Mitchell accompanied by Mrs. Camille Cornish will be heard in a solo. Mrs. Earl Cosper will lead in a special Founders Day prayer.

The annual candle lighting ceremony will be enacted by Mrs. Doris Anderson, Mrs. Harold Eldridge, Mrs. William Mitchell and Mrs. Vera Ingram.

PAPER DRIVE IN GRASS VALLEY

The Cadet Corps of the Grass Valley High School today this afternoon will systematically collect the Grass Valleys waste paper from every residential and business block. The drive will start at 3 p. m. and continue until dark. Residents will place their bundles of paper at the curbs. The entire city was subdivided into dtsiricts and each district will be canvassed by a combat team of the cadets. More than a hundred participated in the drive.

BIRTH

MENEAR—In Grass Valley, Nevada County, January 25, 1945, to Mr. and Mrs. Loren Menear, a daughter.

JONES—In Grass Valley, Nevada County, January 27, 1945, to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Jones, a son.

CASELLI—In Grass Valley, Nevada County, January 23, 1945, to Mr. and Mrs. Florida Caselli, a daughter.

KOSKINEN—In Grass Valley, Nevada County, January 24, 1945, to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Koskinen, a son.

FREY—In Nevada City, Nevada County, January 25, 1945, to Dr. and Mrs. Norbert Frey, a son.

CHAPTER XIX

But on the day when he finally got out on his way to what he wanted to do most, the Japs struck at Pearl Harbor. Ajax had just landed at Wake Island, and, soldier that he was, he had reported to the Marine Commander for duty. He was having breakfast with the CO (CO means Commanding Officer), Major Devereaux, when the Japanese attack came to Wake.

Ajax used to say that the unusual strength he demonstrated that morning was due to the heavy supply of vitamin pills he had taken. As the first bomb hit the runway of the field, he ran with the others for the door and the safety of the slit trenches on the outside. The door opened inward, but Ajax opened it outward, taking the screen, the door, and most of that end of the flimsy building with him. Part of the glass hit him in the face—and that cut was the only wound he received in the bombing. But he carried the scar with him when I last saw him in China.

Baumler got out of Wake Island the next day on the last clipper, but to join the AVG he was no longer going West. It was now necessary to go all the way back and around the other way, towards the East. Anyway he managed to go by way of Washington and got promoted to Captain. I believe if Ajax had stayed in Washington just one more day, he would have been a Major. After seeing Ajax Baumler in a few fights, I wish that he had gotten to be a Major before he came to China, for he certainly was a fighter pilot.

During the month of our battle of Hengyang, I saw Captain Baumler do some of the nerviest things I've ever seen any man accomplish. We had a few ships that had been strafed badly on the ground; some of them had been shot to pieces, and in others the engines or hydraulic systems had been damaged. In most cases these same ships couldn't be got off the ground when the Japs came over; sometimes they were caught three or four times by Zeros, and consequently they were in a continual state of repair.

One of these was old Number 104, the ship that Ajax had been flying. The ground crew had worked on it for days, but whenever they'd have it just about ready to be taken back to the factory in Kunming for overhaul, the Japs would catch it again. Finally one morning Ajax must have said, "The hell with it." For when the "Jin-bao" came he went and got into the crippled fighter to take off before the Japs could get there to strafe it again. He told me later that he was tired of seeing it sitting on the ground as a target; whether it would fly or not, he was going to get it taxying as fast as it would go and at least make it harder to hit than it had been in the revetment. Well, Ajax did better than taxy—he got off. But the story of it all reached me later on.

I was on the ground that day, and didn't see it. But I heard Ajax talking on the radio, and I heard his six guns when he caught one of the Zeros. Just a little later I saw the trail of black smoke that marked the enemy ship going down. I was glad to hear Ajax talking that morning; for a minute I'd thought that smoke might be he, going down in that luckless Number 104. All the time he'd been flying the ship he'd been having to pump the landing-gear up manually, for the hydraulic system had been shot up by the Jap strafer days before. Added to this, an exertion which is no pleasant task at fighting altitudes, was a more painful experience. The cards were stacked even more heavily against Ajax in this jinx ship, for his electrical system was shorting out.

On his take-off from Hengyang, as he gave the ship the gun Baumler had felt a terrible electrical shock through his sweaty hand on the stick control. He couldn't turn the stick loose or the ship would have crashed in the take-off run; so he grimly held on. Take hold of the spark plug of your car some time while the engine is running, and you'll feel just about what Ajax felt. But he kept holding it until he was at an altitude where it was safe to turn the stick loose, get out his handkerchief, and wrap it around the stick.

Even after he had been through the fight and came in to land at Lingling he had to take some more of the shock cure, for by that time the handkerchief was damp and the electricity was jumping through it. He couldn't stay long on this last field, for the Japs were on the way back in waves; so he reserviced and taxied out to take off. Though the engine was now missing badly, Ajax couldn't wait—the Japs would be there in a matter of minutes.

He tried a take-off with the current going through his arms again and the engine spitting and sputtering—and at the end of the runway he still hadn't enough speed to get in the air. He would swerve the ship about and try the other direction. Finally after three runs he got the fighter plane in the air, pumped the wheels up by hand and continued doing it for five hundred miles—and so flew back to Kunming. He told me later it didn't matter what he did now; when he got in jail they'd never be able to electrocute him in the chair if the old P-40 Number 104 had failed to do it that August morning.

But it wasn't all hard work and no play in China. Some evenings we used to sit in our cave down at Kweilin and listen to the Tokyo radio. They would give us reports on the

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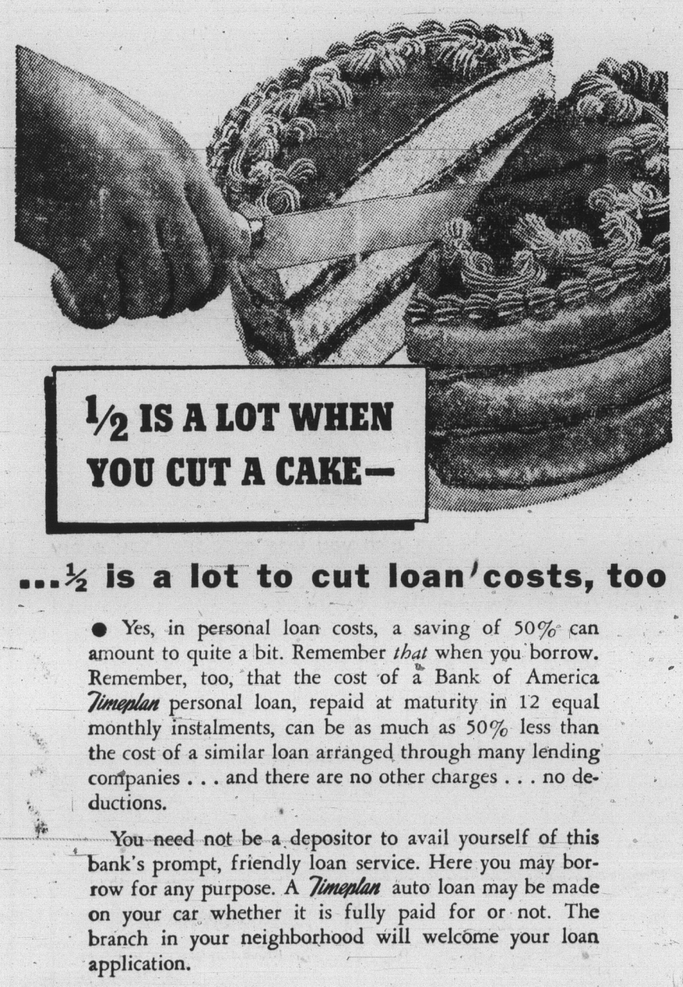

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Retha Downey—

Retha Downey, daughter of Mrs. George Downey of this city is now stationed in camp at Indiantown Gap, Penn. She is in the purchasing and contracting department of the quartermasters office and likes her work very much. Miss Downey enlisted in the WAC division of the U. S. Army last year.

Halstead Downey

Halstead Downey, gunner on the U. S. S. Minneapolis, in his last letter written New Years day stated he was on Leyte Island in the Pacific war zone. Downey is a veteran of the last war. He is the second son of Mrs. George Downey and reenlisted shortly after war was declared.

Cpl. John Graham—

Cpl. John Graham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Graham is with the U. S. forces in Belgium according to his letter. He has been overseas a year.

Cpl. George Graham—

Cpl. George Graham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Graham, is in the Burma or South Pacific war zone. In a recent letter he told his parents he was driving a six ton White truck with a sixteen ton trailer, hauling heavy equipment. George is in the Burma Road area. He has been overseas eight months.

Hooper Heads Quartz Parlor of Native Sons

Before a large assemblage of the mebbers, Alvah Hooper, county coroner, was installed as president of Quartz Parlor, Native Sons of the Golden West. District Depity Grand President John R. Thomas was installing officer.

Others seated with Hooper for the new term were Carl Dart, junior past president; Ted Kohler, first vice president; Loyle Freeman, second vice president; George Cobledick, third vice president; Ralph Vincent, financial secretary; George Hammill, recording secretary; A. Hooper, treasurer; Don Able Kinsman, marshal; John Gaskins, inside sentinel; Merton Austin, outside sentinel; and A. F. trustee.

Prisoners of war, working on private contract jobs, earned approximately $4,000,000 for the treasury of the United States during October the war department announced.

PERSONALS

Mrs. O. F. Bettcher has returned from a two week's visit in San Francisco.

Mrs. Margaret Lambert of Downieville and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Humphreys, of Sierra City passed through Nevada City during the past week end enroute home from Bakersfield. Mrs. Lambert was called south by the death of a sister in law and niece.

Game Warden Earl Hiscox was a recent visitor in the towns of Downieville and Sierra City.

Mrs. Lewellyn Davis, who took two weeks instruction at the local forest service headquarters has returned to her duties as clerk-stenographer in the Downieville district rangers station of the Tahoe national forest.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Polkinghorn of Vallejo spent the past week end in their newly purchased home in Willow Valley. He is an employee in the submarine repairs division of the ship yards.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Munson and Richard Munson of Sacramento spent the past week end with the parents of the two men Mr. and Mrs. E. Munson of Willow Valley.

Mrs. W. C. Buffington motored to Sacramento Monday and returned with her mother, Mrs. Rice, who had come down from Red Bluff to make an extended visit here with her daughter and family. Miss Edna Buffington of San Francisco who has been visiting her brother, W. C. Buffington and other relatives, also went to Sacramento and after visiting there a week will go on to Phoenix, Ariz., Miss Buffington will spend the rest of the winter with her cousin, Howard Douglass and wife, in Phoenix.

The regular twice a month dance will be held in Deschwanden's Hall on Gold Flat Saturday evening. These dances are open to the public and proving very popular, there being sixty present for the last dance. Mrs. C. E. Bosworth of Gold Flat and John Blamey of Grass Valley furnish excellent music.

Recent business visitors from Alleghany in Nevada City were Mrs. L. Clemo, Pat Shepard, Mr. and Mrs. William Hart and son, Mr. and Mrs. M. Harris and children.

Mrs. Nance James and brother, William, and son, Dick James, attended the funeral of her late sister, Mrs. M. B. Cooksie of Folsom on Monday. Sse was a member of Banner Mt. Post Auxiliary and Roseville Auxiliary conducted burial services in a most impressive manner.

Miss Ada Rich who broke her right leg in a fall at her home three months ago is getting along nicely. She is able to sit up a little each day. She is in the Miners Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Clunes of Bryte visited his mother, Mrs. Rose Jones of this city recently. He received back injuries in an auto accident enroute to work the first of the year and was unable to celebrate his mother's birthday New Years. He planned and assisted in a dinner for his mother while here.

L. S. Brecken, field engineer for the Kennecott Copper Company was in Nevada City the first part of the week inspecting mining properties for his company.

Mr. and Mrs. John Widauf have returned from a three weeks trip to St. Louis and Kansas City where they visited relatives.

While we have had an unusually long spell of dry weather, it has not been so on the eastern side of the Sierras, for Winnemucca reported this week that the 18 inches of snow on the ground was the greatest they ever have had.

AMERICAN LIEUT. GUEST OF NAZI OFFICER

CHICO, Feb. 1 — Spending ten hours with a German officer in a train compartment was only one of a series of movie thriller experiences revealed this week by Lt. Frederick W. West, 29, of Wilkes-barre, Pa., a fighter pilot now assigned to Chico Army Air Field.

Lt. West was shot down over northeastern France early in 1944 and evaded capture in enemy occupied territory which has since been liberated.

A recent ruling by the War Department Bureau of Public Relations has allowed the pilot to make public certain of his experiences, although there is much which still must be regarded as confidential. His story was published for the first time Saturday in The Flyer, Chico Army Air Field weekly magazine.

Dodging the Gestapo and German soldiers and even bumming a light from one of Hitler's notorious secret police are experiences not easily forgotten even when thousands of miles separate the airman from the scene of his evasion from capture. Some unforgettable experiences may even be laughed off by a thrill movie fan as too far fetched to be believed.

For instance, it was Lt. West who asked a Gestapo agent for a light when he knew that three of them were suspicious of him one night in a railroad station.

"That apparently allayed their suspicions, for they left. Afterward my French companion said that the act was the best thing I could have done, for had we left, the trio certainly would have followed us.'

Another time I had an even closer one," Lt. West stated.

"I was on a train with the same companion, sitting outside a compartment closed off by glass, and marked 'for Germans only.' Although we had our backs to the compartment, we turned and noticed a German major coming out. We resumed our position and talked in what French I could command. Suddenly someone tapped me on the shiulder.

"I turned, trying not to look too alarmed, expecting to be questioned. However, the German officer beckoned for us to accompany him to the Germans' compartment. In order to appear normal, we did so, but were plenty nervous. But it didn't take long for us to find out that he, probably noticing that we were better dressed than the average Frenchman, had merely desired to invite us into the warmer and more comfortable compartment.

"We were his guests there for ten hours, and after a while the situation become so ludicrous that I was hard put to keep from bursting out in laughter. When we passed factories and German installations which had been wrecked by our bombings, he would make a wry face and say something in bad French about 'those horrible Americans.'

"I too made a wry face, and agreed with him about the Americans."

Lt. West told of hiding out in the French houses and hearing the tramp of heavy boots worn by the Gestapo outside his windows. The tramp tramp, then a pause while the evadee wondered whether the German would enter the house. Then the heavy tramp would continue on, and a sight of relief.

Lt. West learned French fairly fluently and in turn taught several Frenchmen English.

"One sight which I'll never forget was a raid by our Forts on a German airfield near the house in which I was hiding.

"The German air raid alarm sounded, and pretty soon a formation of B-17's came toward us. As the planes had often taken this route on their way into Germany, the Frenchman weren't too excited about it. However, I was watching the formation with the binoculars, and could see the bomb bay doors opening slowly.

"So I said to my companions, 'Watch that airfield'. We were on a rise above it and just a little over a mile away.

"While we were watching the first element let go and bomb hits mushroomed throughout the field. The second and third groups also scored heavily and next came over a fourth element with incendiaries. Soon the whole airfield was ablase and smoke was drifting thousands of feet high.

"And the Frenchmen really got excited at that. It was quite a sight. Later I was shown pictures of the attack and virtually every bomb scored a vital hit. Later that night we heard the roar of a plane at houstop level. We doused the lights and ran outside.

"The plane roared over us and about ten seconds later the HE hit with a terrific explosion. He came back over before we could get outside. Then the air raid siren sounded as he was on his way back home and as the fresh hits burned 1000 feet in the air.

Lt West paid high tribute to the French.

"They certainly are wonderful," he said. "and they showed a marvelous example of courage and stamina. One can't say enough for them."

And from a man who spent nearly three months among the French people daily risking his and their lives and freedom that is high praise.

CALIF. GI'S ARE UNPAID TOURIST AGENTS

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 1—California has thousands of unpaid tourist agents all over the world in the persons of GIs wh ohave lived or taken their training in the state, and their eloquence is likely to cause a flood of post war visitors from other countries.

This is the assertion of Clyde S. Johnson, former assistant to the dean of undergraduates on the Los Angeles campus of the University of California. He has just returned from 31 months' employment with the American embassy in London during which time he visited Northern Ireland and France.

"Before the war California was astonishingly remote to Europeans, but this is all changed now. In the deary climate and war induced dinginess of Britain, soldiers think back to California and paint the state in the most glowing terms imaginable," Johnson says.

"The result is that a trip to California has become a part of the post war plans of thousands of people. In fact, some Californians have been amazed by the response and have jokingly passed the world along to play the state down a little for fear the flood of visitors might be oxerwhelming, he declares.

During 1944 bounties were paid on 177 mountain lions in California.

AGRICULTURAL CENSUS IN PROGRESS

BERKELEY, Feb. 1—The nation's 14th Census of Agriculture is under way in California as crews of enumerators, under the leadership of county census advisory committees and the Agricultural Extension Service, University of California, are canvassing farmers in every county.

The census is expected to be completed within the next five or six weeks and during that period every farmer in the state and his crops, livestock and acreage will be registered.

B. H. Crocheron, director of the Agricultural Extension Service, in urging the utmost cooperation from farmers, pointed out that the information was confidential concerning the individual. No government agency, he asserted, may use the information for purposes of taxation, regulation or investigation.

The assembled figures, by county, by state and nationally, he declared, are of vital importance to the government and private industry, as the basic data for all agricultural planning.

As examples of the value of the information assembled by the census takers he cited manufacturers who look at reports on acres in cultivation and the number of tractors on farms, and obtain a better idea on how many new ones to make; railroads can better judge how to distribute freight cars to move farm produce: federal land banks production credit association and private banking institutions need these figures to guide them.

"No recent census has been more important than this one, covering the 1944 crop year," Crocheron said. "It is the first to be taken during a period of peak war production and will point the way toward helping the farmers plan their production for the coming peace."

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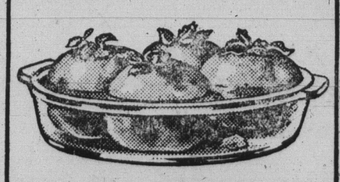

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